

LONG ISLAND BOTANICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

September 1991



NEXT MEETING

"Mystery Plant Night"

WHEN: Tuesday, September 10, 1991 at 7:30 pm

WHERE: The Nature Conservancy Uplands Farm Barn,
Lawrence Hill Rd., Cold Spring Harbor

Have you been stumped by a *Solidago*, confused by a **Carex**, or frustrated by those ferns? How often have you muttered, "This should be easy to identify," only to be thwarted after a noble effort at the key in Britton & Brown, Gray's, or even Newcomb's? Here is your chance to bring in a specimen (fresh, pressed, or **photo**) of that mystery plant you've been puzzling over. Common or unusual, showy or obscure, our renowned team of botanists will attempt to Name That Plant. Or perhaps you have an example of an unusual color, form, growth pattern or other plant oddity to share. (Trying to stump the experts will only be allowed in the interest of furthering their scientific knowledge.)

Upcoming meeting: October 8 - Topic to be announced

FIELDTRIPS

After a successful summer field season, we are winding down for the autumn. But we still have several excellent trips planned for the coming months. Join us!

September 29 - Stillwell Woods and the Greenbelt Trail
Leader: Andy Greller (Joint trip with Torrey Botanical Club).
Meet at 10:00 am in the parking lot of **Stillwell** Woods Preserve, South Woods Rd., Syosset (by the soccer fields across from Syosset High School). We will botanize Stillwell Woods in the morning, break for lunch, and hike the Greenbelt Trail toward Cold Spring Harbor in the afternoon. For more details, call Andy at (718) 997-3437 or 3400 (days).

October 5 - Caumsett State Park, Lloyd Harbor
Leaders: Eric and Mary Laura Lamont
From Route 25A in Huntington, **take West Neck Rd.** north; follow it all the way to the park entrance on the left. Meet at 10:00 am for an early autumn hike stressing the composites, including the asters and goldenrods. Mary Laura will also share her knowledge of the history of Caumsett.

For both trips, bring lunch, insect repellent, and comfortable hiking shoes.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

>Welcome to new member Kim Darrow of Ridge, NY.<

There will be a L.I. Botanical Society BOARD MEETING on Thursday, September 19, 8:00 pm at the Muttontown Nature Center, Muttontown Lane, East Norwich, for all board members and committee chairmen. Anyone interested in becoming more actively involved in the Society (ie helping with programs, trips, newsletter, etc.) is also urged to attend. Call Lois Lindberg at (516) 676-1483 (days), or 759-0628 (eves).

Clark Botanic Garden Fall Festival - Sunday September 22, from 12 noon to 4 pm. Exhibits, tours, children's activities emphasizing horticulture and nature. (516) 621-7568

The New York Flora Association **Annual** Meeting will be held on Long Island this year. A **highlight** will be a walk through pond areas of the Peconic headwaters on Sunday, September 22. To register, call Bob Zaremba in Albany at (518) 869-6959.

"Our Fragile Wetlands" - **Saturday, October 5, 1991**, 9 am to 4 pm. Free workshop and field trip at Cow Meadow Park, South Main Street, Freeport, NY. Call (516) 546-8841 to register.

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